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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: D. HISAMOTO, et al.
Application No.: 10/726,507
Filed: December 4, 2003
For: FABRICATION METHOD AND STRUCTURE OF
SEMICONDUCTOR NON-VOLATILE MEMORY DEVICE
Art Unit: 2815
Examiner: Jesse A. Fenty

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Mail Stop: Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. BOX 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

April 7, 2006

Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, dated March 8, 2006. In this Notice, it is indicated that the Amendment filed on December 13, 2005 does not fully comply with requirements under 37 C.F.R. 1.121. The Notice then goes on to state in Item 4C:

"Each claim has not been provided with the proper status identifier, and as such, the individual status of each claim cannot be identified..."

It is further stated under Item 4E in the Notice, in the continuation sheet attached thereto:

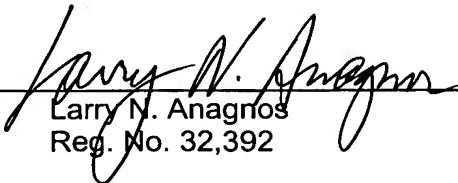
"The term, "canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer" regarding claims 8 and 15 – 29 is not recognized by the office..."

Accordingly, attached hereto is a corrected "Amendments to the Claims" section including a complete listing of all the claims with proper status identifiers indicated.

If the Examiner believes that there are any other points which may be clarified or otherwise disposed of either by telephone discussion or by personal interview, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number indicated below.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (843.43311X00).

Respectfully submitted,
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